GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:210
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS
RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH;RUDRAGOUDA PATIL

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to expand/develop/upgrade to international status and modernise some airports in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise;

(c) the details of the funds allocated for the purpose, airport-wise;

(d) the time by which the above work is likely to be taken up;

(e) whether the Government have received any request from the State Governments for upgradation of airports in their respective State; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) :- A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) & (f) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.210 TO BE ANSWER ON 12.3.2001 REGARDING DEVELOPMENT AND UPGRADATION OF AIRPORTS.

(a), (b), (c), (d):- The Government has recently declared the domestic airports at Bangalore, Goa, Hyderabad, Guwahati, Amritsar, Ahmedabad and the new Cochin airport at Nedumbassery as international airports. Airports Authority of India has taken up following development / upgradation works in these airports:-

(i) In Ahmedabad airport in Gujarat the extension of runway to 11500 feet has been completed. The construction of new domestic block, taxiway, isolation bay and extension of existing domestic building have been taken up at the total estimated cost of Rs.107 crores.

(ii) In Amritsar airport in Punjab strengthening and extension of runway to 10500 feet alongwith associated facilities has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.79 crores.

(iii) The extension work of runway to 10500 feet at Hyderabad airport in Andhra Pradesh has been taken up at an estimated cost of Rs.20 crores.

(iv) The existing domestic terminal building at Guwahati airport in Assam has been expanded and modified with central air-conditioning facilities at a cost of Rs.55.18 crores for handling 1400 passengers at a time.

There is no plan, at present, to declare more airports as international.

(e) & (f):- Upgradation of airports is an ongoing process. Requests are received from various State Governments for upgradation of airports from time to time. Action is taken by Airports Authority of India(AAI) depending upon the demand and availability of resources. Major upgradation/development works taken by AAI are as under:-

(i) Development of Visakhapatnam airport in Andhra Pradesh has been planned with construction of new runway of 10000 feet length, installation of Instrument Landing System(ILS) and Ground Lighting facilities and construction of a new integrated terminal building.

(ii) The runway at Calicut airport in Kerala has been extended upto 9000 feet at a cost of Rs.9.60 crores. There is a plan to expand the international terminal building.

(iii) In Jaipur airport in Rajasthan the extension and strengthening of runway to 9000 feet and construction of technical block cum control tower have been taken up.

(iv) In Lucknow airport in Uttar Pradesh, extension and strengthening of runway and construction of new technical block cum control tower have been undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs.37 crores.

(v) In Varanasi airport in Uttar Pradesh, steps have been taken for construction of integrated terminal building, extension and strengthening of the runway at a cost of Rs.65 crores approximately.

(vi) At Coimbatore airport in Tamil Nadu, AAI has plans for extension and strengthening of existing runway upto 9000 feet and construction of a new international terminal building at a cost of Rs.45 crores approximately.

(vii) In Trichy airport in Tamil Nadu, the work for extension and strengthening of existing runway upto 7500 feet have been taken up alongwith construction of Terminal building complex at a cost of Rs.20 crores approximately.